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FROM USDEL LOS AMBASSADOR JOHN NORTON MOORE

FOR AMBASSADOR RUSH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARDS LOS NEGOTIATIONS

1. RECENT ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS BY FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE HERE INDICATES THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN AN INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE POSITION VIS-A-VIS A COMPREHENSIVE CONVENTION. WE SUSPECT THAT THIS IS BASED ON A READING OF THEIR POOR PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING VERY MUCH BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED ARTICLES ON THE ECONOMIC ZONE. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THEIR TRUE VIEWS OR FROM WHERE THIS ASSESSMENT COMES.

2. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU AND YOUR STAFF COULD OBTAIN ON CURRENT FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY THE MAIN FOCUS OF THEIR CONCERNS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THE EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THIS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND CRITICAL PROBLEM.
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